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1. PHILIPPINES

PRESENTING CREDENTIALS TO MARCOS 11/11, AMB NEWSOM SAID US HAS ACCEPTED CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN ASIA, BUT STILL HAS SIGNIFICANT ROLE AS ASIAN/PAC POWER. NOTED MARCOS EXPERIMENTING W/NEW POL/SOCIAL PATTERN, ESTABLISHING NEW RELS W/NATIONS OF MANY DIFFERENT PERSUASIONS. BELIEVED US/PHILS UNCLASSIFIED

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STILL PRESERVED COMMON RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY. AMB MADE NO REFERENCE TO BASE NEGOTS/ECON TREATY--MAIN ISSUES IN US-PHIL RELS (REUTER MANILA).

2. JAPAN

FOUR-MAN MISSION FROM JAPAN'S KOMEITO (CLEAN GOVT) PARTY LEFT TOKYO 11/11 FOR TALKS IN US ON FE DEFENSE POLICY AFTER KOREAN W/DRAWAL. TEAM EXPECTED TALK W/VP MONDALE, SECDEF BROWN; WILL ALSO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CURRENCY/TRADE PROBLEMS

(REUTER TOKYO).

AGRIC/FOREST MINISTRY SOURCES SAY JAPAN PLANS IMPORT 30-MIL-DOLS-WORTH GRAINS/FOODSTUFFS ON EMERGENCY BASIS, WILL INCREASE ANNUAL IMPORT QUOTAS FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS BY 10 PCT IN NEAR FUTURE. ALSO STATE JAPAN WILL NOT EXPAND QUOTAS ON FARM PRODUCTS IMPORTS. MOST GRAINS TO BE IMPORTED BEFORE END DECEMBER (CULLISON, JOC).

3. KOREA

AT 11/10 BREAKFAST W/REPORTERS, ASST ATTY GENRL CIVILETTI SAID DOJ HAS HEARD NOTHING BUT "NOISE" FROM ROKG ABOUT ANY AGREEMENT ALLOW QUESTIONING TONGSUN PARK. STATED ROKG RELUCTANT COOPERATE DUE CONCERNS ABOUT APPEARING BE "ON BENDED KNEE TO BIG BROTHER"/FEARS THAT IF PARK RETURNS US AND TELLS TRUTH, SCANDAL "WILL JUST GET WORSE" (BABCOCK, WP).

WASHINGTON FEDRL GRAND JURY HAS IMPOUNDED DOCUMENTS COMPILED BY FORMER REP PASSMAN (D-LA). PASSMAN HAS DENIED RECEIVING 190,000 DOLS FROM TONGSUN PARK (WSTAR 11/10).

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WSTAR'S GOSSIP COLUMN "EAR" NOTES TONGSUN PARK HAS SOLD ALL INTEREST IN EXCLUSIVE WASHINGTON CLUB, "PISCES" (11/10).

4. CHINA

ACCORDING TO NCNA, RECENTLY ANNOUNCED WAGE INCREASES WERE DESIGNED TO BENEFIT LOWER-PAID SKILLED WORKERS/WOULD BE GIVEN TO ABOUT 45 PCT WORK FORCE. INCREASES ALSO TO BE LINKED TO WORKER'S POL ATTITUDE. COWORKERS WILL EVALUATE POL CONSCIOUSNESS, ATTITUDE TOWARD WORK, CONTRIBUTIONS OF PERSON BEFORE HE WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR INCREASE. ASSESSMENT WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY CMTE (REUTER PEKING 11/10).

NCNA CARRIES REPORT OF RED FLAG ARTICLE IN WHICH PRC ACCUSES SOVIET UNION OF BEING COLONIALIST/CAPITALIST POWER. ARTICLE SAID "IT WOULD BE GRAVE MISTAKE NOT TO TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE DANGER OF SOVIET SOCIAL-COLONIALISM." ARTICLE THEN CITED NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF SOVIET REVISIONISM (REUTER PEKING 11/10).

WSTAR (11/10) REPORTS IN SOCIETY COLUMN THAT MARSHALL COYNE'S 11/9 FAREWELL DINNER FOR HUANG CHEN DREW SO MANY GUESTS THAT AFFAIR WAS MOVED TO MADISON HOTEL, WHICH COYNE OWNES. ALSO NOTED: SIDNEY/EVELYN ZLOTNICK, WHO VISITED PRC LAST FALL, WILL BE THERE THIS SPRING FOR MAY DAY AS GUESTS OF HUANG CHEN/CHU LIN.

5. INDOCHINA

MOTHER OF ONE OF 3 ABOARD "BRILLIG" VOICES CONCERN ABOUT REPORTS VIETS INVESTIGATING LARGE AMOUNTS DRUGS FOUND ON YACHT. POINTS OUT LELAND DICKERMAN'S PHYSICIAN FATHER GAVE HIM 200-300 DOLS WORTH MEDICINE SAMPLES--MOSTLY ANTIBIOTICS, ANTIHISTAMINES, SMALL AMOUNTS CODEINE--"SINCE GROUP OFTEN AT SEA THREE TO FOUR WEEKS AT A TIME." DOS UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIALS REPORT SRV AUTHORITIES SAY THEY GREW SUSPICIOUS AS APPROACHED YACHT/SAW CREW THROWING CONTAINERS OVERBOARD (AP, PHINQ).

6. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

CAMBODIA BLAMES RTG FOR CLASHES ON FRONTIER OVER PAST 2 MONTHS/PROPOSES TALKS IN VIENTIANE TO SETTLE BORDER DISPUTES. FONMIN COMMUNIQUE BROADCAST OVER PP RADIO SAID THAI TROOPS SUPPORTING "KHMER TRAITORS"/INFILTRATING CAMBODIAN TERRITORY, DAMAGING PROPERTY/TAKING LIVES. REPORT ALSO SAID DEP PREMIER SARY PROPOSED TO THAI FONMIN UPADIT AT UN THAT THAIS SHOULD CONTACT CAMBODIANS THRU THEIR LAOS EMBASSIES (REUTER BANGKOK).

7. THAILAND

RADIO THAILAND FRI ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT GEN KRIANGSAK CHAMANAND AS PM. APPOINTMENT MADE BY KING AT NORTHEASTERN PALACE W/KRIANGSAK/ADM SA-NGAD PRESENT. NEW INTERIM CONSTITUTION ALSO ANNOUNCED, NEW GOVT EXPECTED BE ANNOUNCED AND SWORN IN NEXT WK.

UNDER INTERIM RTG CONSTITUTION, SA-NGAD HAS POWER NOMINATE/ DISMISS PREMIER/NOMINATE MEMBERS NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, WHICH WILL DRAFT NEW CONSTITUTION. REUTER (BANGKOK) SAYS KRIANGSAK REGARDED THAILAND'S MOST SKILLED MIL POLITICIAN, HAS REP AS BRAINS BEHIND '76 COUP/OUSTER THANIN; HAS SERVED AS COUNTRY'S CHIEF TROUBLESHOOTER IN SUCH AREAS AS THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER DISPUTE, BURMESE REBELS LIVING IN THAI BORDER AREAS, US MIL OPERATIONS THAILAND.

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8. INDONESIA/PHILIPPINES

CARTER ADMIN HAS AGREED SELL INDO SQUADRON 12 F-5 JET FIGHTERS FOR ABOUT 85 MIL DOLS; BUT GOVT SOURCES SAY

THEY FEAR USG MAY LOSE DEAL TO FRANCE, SINCE CONGRESSIONAL
OK NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE FEB-MAR. SALE IN WORKS 4-5 YRS,
BUT TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED YR AGO WHEN INDO TOOK OVER TIMOR.
ADMIN ALSO HAS AGREED SELL PHILIPPINES 25 REBUILT F-8

SURPLUS NAVY JETS FOR 43 MIL DOLS; DELIVERY EXPECTED W/IN
20 MOS (REUTER 11/10).

9. INDONESIA

MEMBERS "FREEDOM TO PUBLISH CMTE" OF ASSN AMER PUBLISHERS
URGE SUHARTO INVESTIGATE CIRCUMSTANCES OF IMPRISONMENT
PRAMOEDYA ANANTA OTER, WRITER IN PENAL EXILE ON BURU.
IN LETTER, ASSN SAID PRAMOEDYA IMPRISONED 12 YRS W/O
CHARGES/TRIAL WHILE DENIED WRITINGS MATERIALS (NYT).

10. NEW ZEALAND

MULDOON LEFT FRI FOR LA GRANGE, GA ON SECOND LEG HIS
CURRENT US TOUR. AT WASHINGTON NEWS CONF THURS HE VOICED
CONCERN OVER "INCREASING TENDENCY" TOWARD AGRIC TRADE
PROTECTIONISM, SAID HE EXPRESSED THIS FEAR TO PRES CARTER
IN THEIR TALKS (REUTER).

11. GENERAL

IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED FRI AFTER 4-DAY SEOUL GEN
ASSEMBLY MTG, "ASIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS UNION" URGED US
RECONSIDER PROJECTED WITHDRAWAL GROUND FORCES FROM SK AND
EFFORTS NORMALIZE RELS WITH PRC; ALSO CALLED FOR ASIAN
ECON GROUP PATTERNED AFTER EUROPEAN COMMART. MEETING
ATTENDED BY UNION'S 5 MEMBERS (JAPAN, PHILS, ROC, THAILAND,
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SK), WITH GUAM, INDONESIA, SRI LANKA, W SAMOA OBSERVERS.

APU SAID KN HAS INCREASED MIK PREPARATIONS, AND US PLANNED
PULLBACK WOULD ENDANGER SECURITY OF NOT ONLY ROK, BUT OF
ASIAN/PACIFIC REGION. IT URGED US ENHANCE DIPLO TIES WITH
ROC RATHER THAN NORMALIZE WITH PEKING, AND ASKED PRES
CARTER ACT ON US CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ASKING UNGA
ORGANIZE FACT-FINDING MISSION TO REPORT ON CAMBODIAN
ATROCITIES (REUTER SEOUL).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. CHINA

YOST (CSM, PEKING) DISCUSSING DOMESTIC POL CLIMATE IN PRC
SINCE GANG OF 4'S FALL, SAYS "IMPOSSIBLE TO EXAGGERATE"
BITTERNESS ALL LEVELS OF CHINESE SOCIETY AGAINST CRIMES
COMMITTED BY GANG. OBSERVES "NO BRIEFING, ON ANY SUBJECT,

OMITS REPEATED REFERENCES" POL INFIGHTING, LOSSES TO ECON PRODUCTION, INJUSTICES TO EXPERIENCED LEADERS/EXPERTS INFLICTED ON PRC BY GANG'S POWER STRUGGLE.

SINCE FALL OF GANG, YOST SAYS CHINA SET ON PROCESS OF "CLEARING AWAY DEBRIS" OF PROLONGED STRUGGLE/PUTTING COUNTRY ON COURSE OF MODERNIZATION/DEVELOPMENT. (YOST HAS BEEN LEADING NCUSCR GROUP THRU PRC FOR PAST 3 WKS.)

13. BURMA

REUTER'S WIN (RANGOON) SAYS MAJOR PROBLEM IN GUB'S FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IS EASE W/WHICH DRUG RUNNERS CROSS JUNGLE BORDER FROM BURMA INTO THAILAND. SAYS TRIAL OF TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED IN BURMA IN LARGEST DRUG HAUL SEASIA UNCLASSIFIED

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BROUGHT OUT REAL OPERATORS IN RACKET--MONEYED INTERESTS ON THAI SIDE BORDER. SAYS DRUG RUNNING ORGANIZED BY MINORITY REBEL GROUPS/COMMUNIST INSURGENTS WHO USE REVENUE FROM OPIUM PRODUCTION TO FINANCE THEIR ACTIVITIES. SAYS RECENT VISITS RANGOON BY UN DRUG EXPERTS/US NARCS POINT UP INCREASING INTL COOP GUB RECEIVING IN FIGHT AGAINST DRUG-RUNNERS.

14. JAPAN

IN WSJ COLUMN, ASIAN WSJ MANAGING EDITOR PEARLSTINE STATES MANSFIELD'S MAIN MESSAGE TO JAPAN/REST OF WORLD IS TO REMEMBER CONGRESS' ROLE IN US FOPOL. AMB SAYS OVERALL US-JAPAN RELS GOOD, BUT WARNS OF BECOMING "MIRE IN A SEA OF ECONOMIC TROUBLES," WHICH COULD LEAD CONGRESS TAKE TOUGH PROTECTIONIST MEASURES AGAINST JAPAN. MANSFIELD DOESN'T THINK CONGRESS WILL DO MUCH IMPOSE STRICT PROTECTIONIST MEASURES DURING NEXT FEW MOS, BUT CAUTIONS THAT "BUILDUP" IN SUCH LEGISLATION COULD COME BEFORE NEXT YR'S CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS IF US TRADE DEFICIT W/JAPAN NOT NARROWED.

MANSFIELD URGES JAPAN/OTHER NATIONS TALK TO US CONGRESSMEN SO ECON PROBLEMS MAY BE DEALT WITH BEFORE THEY BECOME "POLITICAL." ACKNOWLEDGES SOME "DIMINUTIONS" IN US ASIAN PRESENCE OVER LAST FEW YRS, BUT OPINES THIS PROBABLY FOR BETTER. AMB PRAISES FUKUDA'S RECENT SEA TOUR, TERMS IT "ADVISABLE AND NATURAL" THAT JAPAN SHOULD TAKE LEAD IN SEA.

15. PHILIPPINES

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (ZAMBOANGA) REVIEWS HISTORY MOSLEM INSURGENCY IN S PHILS. NOTES UPSURGE IN FIGHTING BETWN GOVT/MOSLEM TROOPS IN MINDANAO HAS SHATTERED 11-M0-OLD

CEASEFIRE, CREATED CONCERN WAR NO CLOSER TO SOLUTION THAN
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5 YRS AGO. REMARKS DESPITE PLEDGES FROM MARCOS TO SPEED

ECON DEVELOPMENT, LITTLE EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST IT HAS
AFFECTED RURAL AREAS. MUCH GOVT MONEY REPORTEDLY GOES
TO PAY MOSLEM DEFECTORS, TO WHOM ONE BANKER SAYS HE WAS
ORDERED PAY 10 MIL DOLS.

16. INDOCHINA

MACKENZIE (REUTER PEKING, CSM) WRITES THAT RECENT GLIMPSES
LIFE IN CAMBODIA SHOW IT RIGOROUSLY CONTROLLED, BACKWARD
AGRIC COUNTRY WHOSE RULERS CLAIM TO PROVIDE BASIC NECES-
SITIES FOR EXISTENCE. SAYS CURTAIN OF MYSTERY DRAWN ASIDE
SLIGHTLY DURING POL POT'S VISITS CHINA/NK, THO PREMIER HAS
MADE NO MENTION NUMBER PEOPLE WHO DIED SINCE COMMUNIST
TAKEOVER OR OF REFUGEES FLEEING COUNTRY. ACCORDING
MACKENZIE, REPORTS FROM NK SAID THERE HAD BEEN COUP
ATTEMPT OR STRUGGLE W/IN CAMBODIAN COMMUNIST PARTY EARLIER
THIS YR, BUT POL POT SAID SECURITY IN COUNTRY IS "ASSURED."

CDN'S BEECH (11/8) CONTENTS 30 MOS AFTER WAR'S END,
COMMUNISTS STILL TRYING "PACIFY" SVN. SAYS TABLES TURNED--
TODAY IT'S RULING COMMUNISTS WHO MUST BE ON GUARD AGAINST
HIT/RUN GUERRILLA ATTACKS. REPORTS DOS OFFICIALS DIS-
COUNT SERIOUSNESS OF RESISTANCE/CIA DOESN'T WANT DISCUSS
IT--"IN FACT, FEW PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON WANT TO TALK ABOUT
VN."

HOWEVER, HANOI, BEECH SAYS, DOES NOT PLAY DOWN RESISTANCE
IN SVN: COMMUNIST PRESS DEVOTES COLUMNS TO IT. NOTES
DOUG PIKE DESCRIBES RESISTANCE IN BOOK AS "EXTENSIVE, BUT
NOT INTENSIVE," BELIEVES IT POORLY ORGANIZED/BADLY LED.
SAYS NO ONE THINKS IT HAS MUCH FUTURE, SINCE HAS NO
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OUTSIDE SUPPORT. PIKE ESTIMATES INSURGENT FORCES IN SVN
AT 12-15,000.

LORENZ (JOC, BANGKOK) SAYS THAILAND'S DE FACTO BLOCKADE HAS
SERIOUSLY WORSENED ECON SIT IN LANDLOCKED LAOS. BECAUSE
OF BLOCKAGE WHICH LIMITS EARNING FON CURRENCY THRU EXPORTS/
DIMINISHES FON AID FLOW, BECAUSE OF DROUGHT/FAILURE COM-
PENSATE FOR LOSS OF US ENDORSED FON EXCH, COUNTRY ON BRINK
STARVATION. SAYS MIL REGIME BELIEVED STRANGLING LAOS AS
PART EXTENDED COUNTERINSURGENCY POLICY. NOTES W/MAL-
NUTRITION SETTING IN, UNDP APPEALING FOR RICE/S-EDS/
PESTICIDES. VANCE

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